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## **AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action of March 9, 2001, please enter the following amendment:

## IN THE CLAIMS

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Cancel claims 27 and 30 without prejudice or MAY  $1.5\,2001$  disclaimer and enter the following new claims:

- $\mathfrak{H}$ . (New) A composite comprising:
- a) a material comprising a welding fabric welded to a first substrate, wherein said welding fabric comprises a welding portion and a fixing portion, wherein said welding portion includes a material which melts under hot pressing condition and said fixing portion is provided with auxiliary fixing means; and
- b) a second substrate to which said material is fixed by said fixing portion.  $\sqrt{12}$
- 32. (New) The composite according to claim 31 wherein said second substrate is selected from the group consisting of columns, stakes, logs, buildings, footings, and

